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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS ORDINANCE

(CHAPTER 262)

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Short title.

Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2016.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted Insertion of new

section 27F in

immediately after section 27E of the Local Authorities

(Chapter 262).

Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) (hereinafter referred to as

the “principal enactment”) and shall have effect as section

27F of that enactment:—

“Increasing 27F. (1) The total number of members of each

the total

local authority as determined by the Minister

number of

members. by Order made under subsection (1) of section

5 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter

252), under subsection (1) of section 5 of the

Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255) or

under subsection (1) of section 4 of the

Pradeshiya Sabhas Act, No. 15 of 1987 shall be

further increased by one third of such total

number of members :

Provided that, where the number constituting

a fourth of the total of the number of members

is an integer and fraction, the integer shall be

deemed to be the number which shall constitute

a fourth of the total number of such members.

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(2) The number so increased under

subsection (1), as determined by the Minister

by Order made under section 3c of this

Ordinance shall form the list of women

candidates to be submitted by each recognized

political party or any group of persons

(hereinafter referred to as the “independent

group”) contesting at the elections.

(3) The number so increased under

subsection (1) shall be published in the Gazette

by Order made by the Minister.”.

Amendment of 3. Section 28 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 28 of the amended as follows:—

principal

enactment.

(1) in subsection (2) of that section, by the substitution

for the words commencing from “Any recognized

political party” and ending with the words “setting

out the names:-”, of the following:-

“Any recognized political party or any independent

group shall, for the purpose of election as members of

any local authority and for the returning of women

members of such local authority, submit two

nomination papers containing the lists of candidates

in respect of all wards of such local authority. One of

the two nomination papers submitted by each

recognized political party or independent group in

respect of all wards of any local authority shall consist

of a list of names of candidates for the purpose of

election as members of such local authority,

substantially in the Form set out in the First Schedule,

setting out the names:-”;

(2) by the renumbering of subsections (2A), (2B) and

(2C) of that section, respectively as (2C), (2D) and

(2E) of that section;

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(3) by the insertion of the following new subsection (2A)

immediately after the proviso to subsection (2) of

that section:-

“(2A) The other nomination paper in respect of all

wards of any local authority referred to in subsection

(2) of this section shall consist of a list of names of

such number of women candidates ranked in order of

priority.”;

(4) by numbering the paragraph following the proviso to

subsection (2) as (2B) of that section.

4. The following new section is hereby inserted Insertion of new

immediately after section 65A of the principal enactment section 65AA in

the principal

and shall have effect as section 65AA of that enactment:— enactment.

“Declartion 65AA. In the apportionment, in accordance

of women with the order of priority of ranking, of the

members to

be returned. number of women members to be returned from

all the wards of such local authority area among

the recognized political parties and

independent groups, as referred to in section

28(2A), the Commissioner of Elections shall

take into consideration the number of valid

votes polled by each recognized political party

and independent group in all the wards of such

local authority area, and the method of

apportionment set out in Article 99A of the

Constitution of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka shall, mutatis mutandis,

apply thereto:

Provided that, the Commissioner of

Elections shall not require the Secretary of any

recognized political party or group leader of

any independent group to make any

nomination of persons in addition to the persons

already nominated under section 28 nor shall

the Secretary or group leader, as the case may

be, submit any list making any nomination.”.

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Amendment 5. Section 66 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 66 of the

principal amended in subsection (1) of that section by the substitution

enactment. for the words and figure “returned under section 65A of this

Ordinance” of the words and figures “returned under section

65A and section 65AA of this Ordinance.”.

Amendment of 6. Section 66A of the principal enactment is hereby

section 66A of amended in subsection (1) thereof as follows:—

the principal

enactment.

(a) in paragraph (b), of that subsection—

(1) by the substitution for the words and figure

“returned under section 65A of this” of the

words and figures “returned under section

65A and 65AA of this”;

(2) by the substitution for the words

“Ordinance to fill such vacancy.” of the

words “Ordinance to fill such vacancy; or;

(b) by the addition of the following new paragraph

immediately after paragraph (b) of that

subsection:—

“(c) who is returned as a woman member under the

provisions of section 65AA of this Ordinance,

declare returned within thirty days of the

occurrence of the vacancy, the woman

candidate whose name appears next on the

priority ranking of the other nomination paper

submitted by the respective recognized

political party or independent group, as the

case may be, in terms of subsection (2A) of

section 28.”.

Sinhala text to 7. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala

prevail in case and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

of inconsistency.

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